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monostearate, sodium lauryl sulfate, sodium stearate, sorbitan mono-laurate, sorbitan mono-oleate, sorbitan mono-palmitate, sorbitan monostearate, stearic acid, and emulsifying wax.

23. (cancelled)

(currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 23, wherein the emulsifier comprises polysorbate Tween 20.

(currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the emulsifier is present in the composition in the range of about 0.5 to 4.0% wt.% of essential oil.

(currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 25, wherein the emulsifier is present in the composition in the range of about 1.5 to 3.0% wt.% of essential oil.

(original) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the carrier oil comprises an unsaturated vegetable oil.

(currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the carrier oil is present in the composition in the range of about 0.01 to 5.0 % wt.% of essential oil.

(currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the carrier oil is present in the composition in the range of about 0.01 to 0.5 % wt.% of essential oil.

(original). The method of as claimed in claim 14, wherein the electrolyte is NaCl or Na₂HPO₄.

(original). The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the electrolyte is present in the composition in the range between 0.01 to 0.1ppm of essential oil.

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